

We need to have 1 hour
of children's programming daily

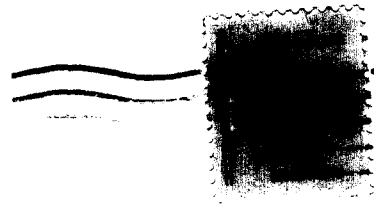
It should be educational &
entertaining.

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Reed Hundt, Chair
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Dear Mr. Hurd:

Thank you for your efforts to improve the quality of children's television programming.

Educational programs should be regularly scheduled, more than 15 minutes in length, and aired between 6pm and 11pm. As a parent, I would like to be informed as to which programs are intended to be educational for children. In our home we love "Beakman's world", "Shostwite" (now gone) and "Carmen Sandiego."

Thank you for your concern.
Sincerely,

Sherry Brown
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TV can be a tool of learning & examples but loop holes must be closed. Most cartoons serve no admirable point & ought not be counted.

Please strengthen the Childrens Television Act for the importance & improvement of our children - our future.

"Touched by an Angel", "Nature", "The Waltons", "Highway to Heaven", & "Nova" are good examples.

"Mugsy Brown", "Nanny", "Simples & Franjer" are not good for Prime Time & not at all helpful to children.

Help us, please!

The Robert E. White
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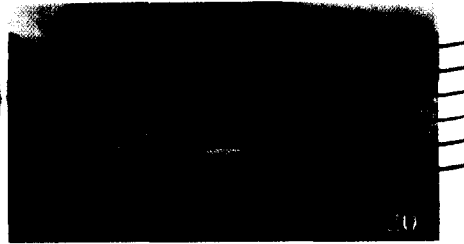
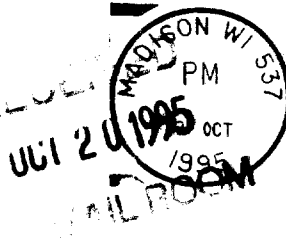
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The Honorable Reed Hundt:

Please set limits on children's programs! Either cancel or control times for appropriate shows. Never show "Simpsons" during hours before 10 p.m. Terrible examples! "Educational" is not the Flintstones.

Do not grant childrens programs if they're on after 10 p.m or before 7 AM. At least one hour every day of educational or informational type programs are needed. Programs which use offensive language & or adult themes need to be changed to later in the evenings. Saturday programs need control too.

best 3rd day!!!
Thank you for protecting
our children from
negatives & unredacted
Laura A. Brown



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Please, in your review
& approval for the
Children's Television Act,
assure that all broad-
casters are required to
air AT LEAST 3/wh of
programs that meet
Children's educational
needs. Actually, that #
is woefully inadequate.
It should be at

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Freedom from violence
on TV - a child's
right. Stop violent
shows!

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Chairman Hunt:

I am a parent of four children of my own and step-parent to three more children. As a parent I want to see changes made to strengthen the application of the Children's Television Act.

Setting a standard of at least one hour a day of educational and informational programming on all TV stations would greatly benefit our children. At the same time though, considering programs such as the "Flintstones" and "Jetsons" as educational and informational is not an honest way to fill this standard. Also, children are not viewing T.V. between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am so programming during these hours should not be included in filling the core requirement of children's programming.

I am sure that the many creative people in the television industry can produce more innovative programs to educate and inform children and please consumers.

Sincerely,

Beverly Croan Hackley

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Oct, 1995
To: The Honorable Reed Hundt

I would greatly appreciate if the FCC would set standards of at least one hour per day of specifically designed educational and information programming on ALL TV stations.

Also, please redefine its definition of "educational and informational" programming in order to close all regulatory loopholes which permit stations to cite programs such as "The Jetsons" and the "Flintstones" on their license renewal applications. (What have I learned or my children learned from watching "The Jetsons" or the "Flintstones" or what information have I received from them?)

Count only standard length, regular scheduled educational programs as meeting a station's "core" programming obligations under the Act.

Please exclude programs aired before 6:00am or after 10:00pm from counting toward the core requirement of children's programming.

Thank you so much for

listening to me.

I do care what my children watch and there is not very much for a 5½ year old and a 9 year old to watch.

Linda Langston

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In the matter of Policies and Rules Concerning Children's Television Programming
Revision of Programming Policies for Television Broadcast Stations

MM Docket No. 93-48

Dear Friends,

As a licensed social worker, school counselor and parent of two boys, I am strongly against the violence on television today. The biggest effect I see on children is that they are desensitized to violence and its harmful effects. Children delight in violent acts instead of being appalled at the harm that is occurring. Children with whom I work have nightmares because of the scary and violent shows they watch. Children on the playground pretend they are these characters, such as "Power Rangers," and inflict injury to others. This occurred in Sweden where a 5 year old was left dead because of it. Fortunately, that country had the courage to protect its children by removing that show from the air.

Many children have little parental guidance regarding the shows they watch, so children have access to all types of programming. This country needs to care for its children by having family programs instead of violence. Children need to see good values at an early age, which can be available through good television programming.

My husband is a psychologist and also works with violent people daily as part of domestic violence. He believes that violence on television contributes to family and social violence. We want to see television and movies that carry positive messages without violence and vulgarity. Please do what you can to eliminate violence from television.

Sincerely,



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To the F.C.C.:

We are writing as teachers and parents to urge you to require broadcasters to air programs meeting the children's educational needs. We are dismayed with the content of most television programs and the negative effects we have seen it have on children's lives (we teach elementary school and high school). The violence, sex and general attitude of cynicism, disrespect and that "anythings goes" which children see on TV is, unfortunately, becoming the norm of their real lives. Since parents, again unfortunately, often do not take time to monitor children's programming it is urgent that the F.C.C. require some standards. PLEASE require educational programming and that "adult" programming is kept later in the evening.

Sincerely,

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Dear FCC:

A recent U.S. News and World Report discussed the low quality of current television in the U.S. This is something I have been concerned about for a long time. I am a parent and try to monitor what my family watches, but I can't be there every minute, and there are increasing numbers of inappropriate programs on during the time children tend to watch. Since you are reviewing the Children's Television Act, I decided to write and ask you to help our children in any way you can by taking steps to encourage positive programing and discourage the amount of sex and violence, etc. on tv, especially during the times children are likely to be watching. Anything you can do to help our children will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Judy Crowell

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Commission Members:

I am writing this letter because I am the parent of three children, and because I am an elected school board director who is very concerned about the trend in this nation's public schools. I do not consider myself an alarmist, but we are witnessing a generation of young people who seem to be amoral. I believe the breakdown of the traditional family unit is the primary cause of this frightening trend. I believe the second most important causal factor is the steady diet of "trash" viewed by children in their homes via television.

The research leaves no doubt about the harmful effects of exposure to violence, sex and vulgarity. We can no longer use the excuse that parents must decide what their children will watch and then watch it with them to allow for appropriate discussion of the questionable topics. The majority of children are left unmonitored to watch whatever they choose whenever they choose. Both parents are often working or absent from the home many hours of the day. Single parents don't have the luxury of spending time with their children to help them make good choices about television programs.

We see the alarming trend of teens and young children committing crimes of the most heinous nature. My husband is a licensed psychologist, and he is seeing more and more young people who don't seem to have a conscience or a moral compass to guide them. As a society we have become desensitized to the vilest acts of violence, hostility, and cruelty perpetrated against other human beings. The way to solve problems among people is to hurt someone. What a sad commentary that our young people are only reflecting our society in general and the adult role models they have been viewing.

Please take whatever steps are necessary to force the television industry to immediately change the type of programming allowed in this country. The penalties for refusal to adhere to the guidelines must be severe and enforceable. This is a very serious issue, and I hope you approach the task with a firm resolve to make a positive impact on the lives of the children in this country.

Sincerely,

Claudia L. Talmadge

Claudia L. Talmadge, Parent, School Board Director, College Instructor

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October 25, 1995

Mr. Reed E. Hundt
Chairman FCC
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

In your letter to Ann Landers you say the FCC is considering requiring broadcasters to show educational programs for children. I read recently of a mother walking into her living room and finding her five-year-old watching two people making mad passionate love on the TV screen. The mother tried to explain to the child that people who are not married to each other don't just hop into bed and the child said, "I know mommie. They usually have a glass of wine first."

So we already have "educational TV for children." But what are we teaching them? Casual sex, violent sex, shooting, killing, reckless driving, hate, prejudice, scorn of anything religious or decent. Any problem can be solved with a gun. Our current TV, whether it be daytime soaps, talk shows or movies; evening sitcoms with their smart-mouthed kids and constant references to sex; has become the country's "window on trash."

And for what? Ratings. So stations and networks can sell more advertising. For that we have robbed the children of America of their innocence. Their very childhood.

People say "No! No! We mustn't go back to censorship!" Frankly, Mr. Hundt, I'd rather see Ozzie and Harriet in their twin beds; The Donna Reed Show, Leave it to Beaver, or Father Knows Best; than what we have now. Maybe they were a little idealistic. But maybe we need a little idealism. Someone needs to take a good look at our present "educational TV for children."

Sincerely


Ruthy Bergstrom

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Gentlemen:

It is time for action from the FCC toward the television programming industry. As a superintendent of a school district I can not believe what is allowed on television for our children to watch and then we at the schools are suppose to assist in teaching correct values. The task is next to impossible and it is time we educators start asking for help from other agencies also.

Enough is enough! This fall it seems each channel is trying to gain more viewers by sinking lower on the scale of common decency. Violence and sex are the two choices in programs new this year and during prime time as well.

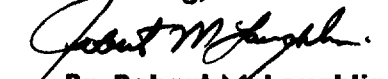
When children can watch crime, murders, sexual scenes and other incidents that are of a negative nature, the imprints placed on these minds have a lasting effect. Is it not time that the FCC assist the home in controlling these programs?

The majority of children in my school district come from single parent homes. Many parents are working and can not control the television set from work. Many of these parents are caught up in the trash being shown and think it is okay for children to watch and are surprised later to find their own children acting out these parts in the community.

I am not a proponent of excessive governmental intervention in the lives of citizens. I do believe, however, we have crossed the line of reasonable common sense in television broadcasting and legislation or rule changes must be made to clean up the most damaging form of media we have today.

Our children need help. We in the school system need your help. The time is now!

Sincerely,


Dr. Robert McLaughlin
Superintendent

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Gentlemen:

Your opportunity to comment on the Children's Television Act is certainly timely. We have no other resource linked to the future of our society as valuable as our children.

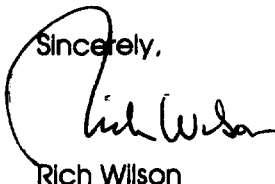
Current TV programming practices are in conflict with acceptable standards in setting thoughts and habits in small children and adolescents. Desensitization to hostility, bitterness, substance abuse, detrimental health practices, lack of faith in governmental units and violence toward humanity are all too common.

Negligent television programming tears the heart out of our society. It makes common place and routine violence, lack of respect toward self and mankind.

I am concerned about excessive governmental intervention. I am more concerned about the development of responsible caring future citizens, America's real resource. I urge the FCC to obtain a commitment by the television industry to greatly reduce the violence and vulgarity being broadcast. Firm agreement must be received by the broadcast industry as well as a monitoring level which will protect youth.

Please help us develop constructive sensitive resources in our children. Help stop the thoughtless waste and desensitization of children and adolescents as is occurring with current television broadcast practices.

Sincerely,


Rich Wilson

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Secretary FCC

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Dear Sir -

Please try to clamp down on
all violence and sex films for all
persons.

I suppose making every TV station
to air at least one hour of ed-
ucational programming for children
every day between 7AM & 10PM.

With best wishes -

Sincerely,

E. Caffery

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Oct 19, 1995

Dear FCC,

I am writing to strongly support your proposal to require broadcasters to provide additional educational & informational programming for children. You should require 3-5 hours a day (NOT A WEEK!) of programming which meets the Children Television Act of 1990.

I think most television programs and commercials are harmful to our children in the violence they show, bad English and even terms ~~like~~ ~~adult~~, the programs do not ~~reinforce~~ proper moral values. I cannot understand how America has let the level of its TV programming sink so low.

In our family my husband and I
rarely watch any TV - only the news
and sports events occasionally.
Our children (age 6, 4 and 3)
only watch PBS, the Disney channel,
and sometimes the learning channel
and NIK. Most of the time
we watch our own wholesome
childrens videos.

I urge you to regulate more
child focused and valued programming
and commercials.

Thank you.

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To Whom it Concerns:

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I understand now is the time to make you aware of our concerns regarding the type of programming available on T.V.

For many years we have been appalled by the type of programs being aired on T.V. - especially at the critical times of day when children are most apt to be watching. Violence and smart-alec remarks seem to be "it" on many programs. They may be portraying real-life situations, but shouldn't we be attempting to better ourselves? And not wallow in the mire of "the way it is"?

We want something better for our children who are 9+ yrs. They do watch a few Public T.V. programs but the majority of those

are geared more for ^{the} preschool age.
Otherwise there's nature and
science programs. Couldn't there
be fun, educational programs
that grab their interest - And
~~know~~ no one gets a cream pie
in the face for not being on
the winning team?!!

My husband and I whole-
heartedly approve, support and
desire more educational - informational
programs for children (esp. ages 6 + up.)
with an exciting + fun setting.

Thank you for the article
by the FCC in our local paper
alerting us to the opportunity
of showing our concern.

Sincerely
Beverly Paul
Dennis